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## RESPONSE TO ALLEGATION OF NON-RESPONSIVE REPLY

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner dated January 18, 2006, in connection with the aboveidentified application. That communication alleges that Applicants' amendment of November 2, 2005, was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action (of August 2, 2005) because of a number of specifically enumerated omissions. Applicants respectfully submit that the allegations in the communication of January 18, 2006, are inaccurate, that their amendment filed November 2, 2005, complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and is fully responsive to the Office Action of August 2, 2005. As such, Applicants respectfully reconsideration of the allegations set forth in the Patent Office communication of January 18, 2006, as well as favorable